Prestitution and Destitution The author of "The Fable of the Bees," some hundred or more years ago, for having laid down, as the foundation of a rayming essay upon society, the maxim, that "private as an established fact by both parties. other things continuing as they are—can not of Vice is popularly bestowed. As he sums up in his conclusion:

"So Vice is beneficial found,
When it's by Jestice look and bound,
Nay, where the people mould be great,
As necessary to the state,
As hinger is to make ten est.
Bare Viartir can! Justen nations live
In splender; they that would revive
A rolden age, must be as free
For Acorns as for Honesty."

There are few people in the world who are willing to admit that their own acts, whatever they may be, are calculated to work any injury to society. Their fears of social revolution and dissolution usually spring from the offenses of which others are convictedwhose propensities they are prone to view with less indulgence than they do their own. They would perhaps, without difficulty, con-cede that the losses from strict virtue of which they are guilty, are compensated for by the benefit which accrues to some other party; yet they would greatly dread the effect society at large should their case be made the basis of a rule of general application. In the present stage of social philosophy, therefore, it will not do to subscribe to a maxim that looks so much like a paradox as that "private vices are public benefits;" and yet there are in it so many symptoms of possible truth that it need not be lost sight of in that which is hereafter said, touching what is emphatically called the "Social Evil" -in plainer terms, PROSTITUTION,

In treating of the "social evil," it may be laid down as an undeniable proposition that the blame of its prevalence belongs as much to the male as to the female. Without the consent of both it could not exist; and all the philosophy-and the world is full of itwhich contemplates the weaker sex as the or practical.

tary self-degradation, and glorying in her own shame, of which we hear so much from a certain style of moral reformers, are mostly fictitious, invented to compensate for the not possess, or dare not exhibit.

this country-except through the occurrence of some fortunate accident, or the possession of extraordinary force of character, none ever emerge. Society takes care of that,

Stripping the trade of all the pleasures and delights with which fancy has surrounded it, and it becomes a means by which a certain number of women are saved from nakedness and hunger, by becoming slaves to the appetites, or, if the word is preferred, vices of the near. There are thousands of women in this city who live on year after year with the alternative, prostitution or starvation, constantly before them. A woman without means, and with a child or a parent depending upon her for suport, can not, unless possessed of extraordinary energies or unusual revenue from the other sex, by modes de- present territories. nounced as wicked, or starve. Not probably less than five thousand females in this city necessarily rely for their means of subsistence, n a greater or less degree, upon practices the other sex, what would become of them? It it easy to say, "starve rather than sin;" but let those who prescribe it try it. Charity might, for a brief period, take the place of "indignant virtue" in their bosoms.

We condemn all alike; the voluntarythere are any such-and the involuntary. It will not do to treat even possible sinners with indulgence. They who are not without sin are quite willing to prove their goodness by a plentiful casting of stones at the detected. In anti-Christian Japan, the barbarous people do differently. She who has been led to ful if the Gazette would define radical Reprostitution by want, is holden not to be degraded. Society opens its doors to her, and, as a wife, she is permitted to forget the days of her humiliation. In infidel France, they do differently. There so lax is public sentiment, that some six or eight per cent. of the prostitutes of Paris are said to annually rise to positions in society as wives and heads of families. But we should not complain, perhaps, of our own race of men. In Engand there have been recently seen symptoms of sympathy and right feeling toward the poor despised slaves of the streets; and even in America, although little heard amid the stir and bustle of things material, there are charities already awake, and needing only knowledge of the right way to expand into

THE Gazette accuses the Commercial of treating its readers to "several columns of dead Sheriff's sale adverstisements."

If not deemed impertinent, we should like to ask: Do dead Sheriff's sale advertisements come under the head of "pleasant reading" or if "personal gossip?"

Tun city election is at hand; an election ore important to this city than those of the City Council whose corruption is offered in the Legislature by our own Democratic rep-first ballot. resentatives, as evidence that it is unfit to govern; and upon the evidence, a Republican Legislature has taken the most importions-proof that its corruption is accepted

vices are public benefits." The idea which he | We have a city of the most magnificent endeavored to enforce was this: That society- enterprises, of taxes whose munificence will be visited by "yellow fever, pestilence and not be questioned, of railroad subscriptions, afford to part with that progeny of human desires and appetites, upon which the mane breathing place" projects, which count by are full of consolation, for the depletion of the millions of dollars, but in which the excretory filth of the whole city flows into the streets, and stagnates upon the surface for want of sewers in which every street has the same generous stink, which smells to heaven; which a blind native would identify after cirthe pavement, and which, as General Jackson said the blessings of government ought to be, is, like the dew of Heaven, distilled alike upon the poor and the rich. In our city enterprises we are affecting ruffled shirts and diamond pins, with our bare feet in the mud. A pestilence is due the city every summer from its own negligence of the ordinary municipal provisions for cleanliness; while it seems to be taken for granted that every city improvement only opens a field for jobs and

> With this condition of affairs upon us, the annual city election is at hand, and how do we find the political parties preparing for the emergency? The Democracy are going into it with their ancient regular test. Is he a good, working Democrat? That is, will be use his position to throw all the possible publie plunder into the hands of Democrats? While the only question that agitates the Opposition is whether they can adjust the balance of candidates so nicely as to "fuse" on them. The public welfare is, to them, reduced to a nibbling here from the American faction, and there from the Republican faction of the Opposition, to prevent any preponderance of either, like the monkey adjudicating on the fusion of the cats on the cheese question.

In the name of this long suffering city, so great in business enterprise and prosperity sole or the principal guilty party, is false to is there no motive that can reach the people humanity, barren of good, unchristian and higher than the scramble of parties for the barbarous. The law of supply and demand is common plunder? And are the working just as operative and just as imperative here men, the business men, and the capitalists of as in any other avocation. The high state of the city-for their interests are all identieivilization which we possesson sense of jus- calogoing to sit down quietly and allow tice to the material of which mothers and this great numlcipality, with interests wives and sisters and daughters are made— more important than those of some requires that the proposition shall be accepted of the sovereign States, to be perpetually as the only basis upon which there can be made the mere foot-ball of scrambling partiany fair treatment of the subject, speculative sans? There are plenty of men in this city, honest, capable, having the confidence of the There is another proposition equally true, people, and willing to serve the public zealand equally necessary with the former: that | ously, but who will not seek public positions the demand comes from the male. The pas- through the dirty means of party machinery. sion, the craving for indulgence, without Let the party machinery be put down, then, which the social cvil would find no place in and let men be brought forward in its steadthe world, is in the strongersex-in God-like | men who stand on their own character and man. The other only yields. It is not until merits! The responsibility is with the peosociety has shut its doors upon her, and ple, but the case demands immediate action other modes of sustenance are cut off, that The party machine grinds its grist regularly, she becomes a solicitor. The base appetite, requiring only a few manipulations to work the love of evil for its own sake, the volun- it, while to overcome it will require a prompt movement of the people.

Ose of the curiosities of political literature is the delicacy of phrase with which absense of a knowledge which they either do Republican doctrine is now hild down. But a little while ago the Republican dion laid its What then is prostitution?—for we must get at a just conception of its essential qualities before we can treat it as it should be treated. It is a state of subjection on the part of one sex to the approtter of the necessaries of life. It is an occupation which few women willingly follow, after having experienced its pains, its privations, and its humiliations; but it is one from which—in What then is prostitution?-for we must paw upon the Territories and shook the hills aumiliations; but it is one from which-in preted as a mortal and radical defiance, or as conservative note, to put chill dren asleep.

In noticing this interesting feature, we have been a humble inquirer of the Gazette The trap-door of the infernal pit, when locked after Republican doctrine; that journal having and scaled by the apocalyptic angel, is scarcely undertaken to expound it. The process by which we have finally extracted a plain defi-Stripping the trade of all the pleasures and aition of a very simple point was a little prosessed of extraordinary energies or unusual Garette's indispensable requisite would be facilities, live in Cincinnati at this day by the the same as uncompromising resistance to labor of her hands. She must draw some the admission of another slave State from our

But Mr. Bates especially repudiated this doctrine in his semi-official declaration of principles in the St. Louis Democrat; and in his last letter he declared that new States holden to be immoral. But for the vices of should be "the sole judges of their Constitutions," yet the Gazette says Mr. Bates comes fully up to the standard.

Furthermore, the Gazette says it would not be in favor of Congressional interference with slavery in Cuba, in case of its annexation, if its continuance were guaranteed by express stipulation;" but it "would oppose in advance any possible annexation encumbered by such

This is very well, although it has but little resemblance to Mr. Bates, and if this is conservative Republicanism, we would be thankful if the Gazette would define radical Republicanism. But how much shorter the cut would have here to Pauch the cut has thrown them into an abject position." a stipulation." would have been to Republican doctrine if the Gazette had declared at first, what it has come to through much tribulation-that Mr. Bates, if he wants the Republican nomination, must come fully up to the standard of resistance to the admission of another slave State, out of our own territory, and to any annexation of slave territory, even of Cuba, with a stipulation against Congressional inerference with slavery. Do we understand that the Gazette holds that Mr. Bates comes up to its Republican standard, as now de-

Will the Gasette inform us if Mr. Bates declares sound Republican doctrine when he says of the Territories: "The nation is aupreme over them, and the National Government has the power to permit or forbid slavery within them." And is this "permit" by action or inaction of Congress? In short, dees Mr. Bates mean that Congress can by enactment permit or establish slavery in a Territory, and is that Republican doctrine?

THE Cleveland Plain Dealer says that the way for the Democracy to escape yellow State and nation put together. We have a fever, pestilence, famine and hotel robbery at

It is difficult to see what there could be in the case that would require this desperate remedy, and we doubt if the Plain Dealer gentleman who was imprisoned in England, tant part of the administration of our city has not fallen into the common medical error affairs out of the Council, and placed it where of prescribing active treatment, when the put too much truth in a six-penny pamphlet, it can not be reached by the popular elec- operations of nature are all that is needed for the cure of the patient. If a gathering of ten or twenty thousand of the operators of the Democratic party at Charleston should famine." the country will not fail to see the party at the nomination will have a most purifying effect on the elections.

THE Louisville (Ky.) Courier of yesterday comes to us in an enlarged and improved form, and printed with a new type, bearing cumnavigating the globe, as soon as he struck | quite a metropolitan appearance. We are pleased to see this evidence of continued prosperity on the part of our cotemporary.

> RALPH WALDO EMERSON has recently lectured in New York under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Union. What is this world coming to?

City News.

SCHOOL BOARD-PROCEEDINGS LAST NIGHT. The School Board methast night at the usual hour; President King in the clair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and approved, the resignation of Miss Mc-Nith, of the Fourth District, was accepted, and Miss Barnington appointed to fill the vacancy, at a salary of twenty-five dollars per

month.

A communication was handed in by Mr. Harrison, stating that the Eleventh District School-house was unsafe, and should not be continued in use as a school-house. The timbering was considered too light to bear the vibrations incident to the motions created by so large a number of children on the several floors. Besides this it was stated that the

thought it likely sufficient accommoda-ns for the seven hundred children thus dis-

Considerable discussion ensued, during which a communication was read from Thomas Gilpin, Rufus K. Paine and Daniel E. Williams, Trustees of the Eleveuth Dis-trict, and John McCammon, similar to that which was published a few days ago from these persons, stating that they had examined the building from top to cellar, and found no just cause for alarm.

Mr. Harrison called the attention of the

Board to the names appended to the commu-nication that pronounced the building unsafe. These gentlemen, of age and standing, had also stated that, even "anchored," the house would unsafe. The motion authorizing the Trustees of the

The motion authorizing the Trustees of the District to procure other accommodations for the children now in the doubtful building was then unanimously carried.

Mr. Harrison moved that the Building Committee be instructed to prepare plans for the erection of a new house in place of the present one in the Fourth District.

Mr. Powers moved as an amendment that the matter be referred to the Building Committee, in conjunction with the Superintendent of School Audidings, to report at the next meeting of the Board. Carried.

A motion was made that the Committee on Fuel be instructed to furnish one hundred bushels of coal to the Thirteenth District, and

bushels of coal to the Thirteenth District, and two hundred bushels to the Third District.

expected to possess the book who can not read easily in the second reader.

Mr. R. K. Payne offered a resolution that the Building Committee be instructed to have the school-house now being erected on the Runner lot, so built as to conform with the anticipated change of McFarland-street, which

was adopted, and the meeting adjourned

ganized protective Unions. Experience has taught us, however, that no trade, even though organized, can protect itself, if all other trades are not also organized, and cooperate. For the purpose of achieving a general Union, or co-operation of the different trades, a meeting of the delegates of trades organized was held last Friday evening, and the undersigned Committee authorized to call upon the trades already organized to elect delegates, and those not organized to do so as quickly as possible, and send delegates to the next meeting, on Friday, 30th inst.

"A that meeting the principles of a general organization, its purposes and the means to accomplish it, will be taken into consideration. So elect and send delegates. It is not necessary that all the workmen of a trade be united; suppose that a trade has two or three hundred members, if thirty or forty of those see the necessity of union, let them unite, elect, send delegates and co-operate with the other trades.

PRESENTATION.—The teachers of the First Pressyration.—The teachers of the First Presbyterian Sunday School, last evening, presented to their late Superintendent, Mr. McAlpin, a handsome silver pitcher. The presentation speech, which was quite neatly worded and charmingly delivered, was made by Miss Brown, and the response was worthy of the occasion. The evening was enlivened by music from Mr. E. Warwood, assisted by the Church Choir, and Messrs. Maxwell, Fraser and Kunkel, and passed off, to all who were present, like a pleasant dream.

MIDNIGHT SERENADE.-The Newport Gar-MICKIGHT SERISADE.—The Acwport carrison Band serenaded the guests and proprietors of the Spencer House, at twelve o clock last night, and their well-executed airs stole with peculiar sweetness through the corridors of the hotel, suggesting delicious dreams to those who were barbarous enough to have retired at so early an hour.

REMOVAL.—By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that E. H. Hill, the well-known jeweler, has removed to his new quarters, No. 14 West Fourth-street, formerly occupied by *Dailsy Press* office, which he has fitted by in an elegant style, and where he has opened with a large and beautiful stock of the best assorted goods.

AMUSEMENTS.

Miss Josy George abelian failed to appear at the Op-Miss fee, toogs about a new or illness, and The Leve Chies was substituted, Mrs. Conway personating "Omstance" in charming style. This segning The Willnes Cope and The Toolles.
At the National Mathia Herem and Wallack drew alarge house on their last appearance, and this requiring it. Harry Bytings presents his great specially and the segning it. scular drama of Fostes.

Mr. Chanfran, at Wood's, repeats to-night Linds

the Clear Girl, and the extravagance of Variet

RIVER NEWS. The River opposite this port was declining very slowly restarday having receded during the twenty-four hours, ending last evening, not more than three or four inches and leaving a little over term and a half feet in the channel house to Louis-The Ohio was falling gradually at Pittaburgh yes rday, with about five fost eater, and was station y at Louisville, with five feet eight inches in the and.
The weather here yesterday was raw, shilly and bondy, with a slight fall of snow; the temperature eing regular throughout the day.
Business on the Wherf was quite good, freights for L. Louis, Momphis and New Orleans continuing the most supply. About twenty beats were at the Landon between Main and Brondway, yesterday, and best of their were receiving freight, the raise of hich remain anchanged from our just quotations.

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DE DR. GEORGE BARRER'S INSTANTANEOUS RE-LIEP FROM ALL PAIN .- It gives relief from all pain. so large a number of children on the several floors. Besides this, it was stated that the side wall was badly split. The communication was signed by L. Schwarz, D. B. Guion, Wm. Stevenson, W. M. Cameron, Wm. H. Stewart and Daniel Dork, who were called upon to examine it by the proper Ward authorities.

Mr. Harrison stated that the children had when the proper was a substantial for such that the children had all there main this respect it differs from the proper was a substantial form. The substantial forms of consumption, and causes none where it is applied. In this respect it differs from the proper was a substantial forms of consumption, and causes none where it is applied. In this respect it differs from the proper was a substantial forms of the minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Rheumation cured in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Planck in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Planck in every instance; Headache in three minutes; Planck in every instance; Headache in Neuralgia it removes in five minutes; Rheumatiam not been permitted to enter the old school-house yesterday morning; and asserted that is used in its composition, and it is harmless in all cases when used as directed.

tions for the seven hundred children thus dis-placed might be secured at a rent not exceed-ing \$50 per month, and moved that the trus-tops of said school he severaged to the trus-tops of said school he severaged to the truses of said school be empowered to make a reader, that it cures all kinds of pains. This is what nents to secure accommodations at the secure accommodations at the secure accommodations at the secure accommodations at the secure accommodation and the secure accommodation are secure according to the secure according to rhea, Cholera-merbus, &c., it can be taken in nally. It never falls in these complaints. JOHN D. PARK,

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